Disinvestment in PSUs

2999. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian experiment with disinvestment in public sector enterprises' shares has not yielded fair returns to the exchequer;

(b) if so, what were the principal shortcomings in selling these shares;

(c) whether it is a fact that the British Government have offered their expertise in share valuation for privatisation; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the offer made by the British Government to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Reimbursement to A. P. towards Central Investment Subsidy Scheme

3000. DR. N. THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India has to reimburse of Rs. 25.31 crores to Government of Andhra Pradesh towards the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted claims worth Rs. 23.8 crores which do not fulfil the parameters of the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme. Eligible claims for Rs. 3.19 crores from Andhra Pradesh would be reimbursed depending on the availability of funds.

Technology data bank

3001. SHRI MATANG SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a technology Data Bank to assist entrepreneurs in identifying and choosing the most appropriate technology;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal finalised;

(c) what steps have been taken during the recent past for promotion and development of result oriented R and D system to achieve quality upgradation, productivity improvement and cost effectiveness in industria lsector; and

(d) the details of the achievement in technology upgradation and modernisation to boost exports and expand production basic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to set up a Technology Information Centre (TIC) for dissemination of information on commercially proven and available technologies. The TIC would be established in cooperation with the Con-